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Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary
Department of Telecommunications & Energy
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
One South Station, 2nd Floor
Boston, Massachusetts 02110

**Re: D.T.E. 04-33 – Petition of Verizon New England Inc. for
Arbitration**

Dear Ms. Cottrell:

On August 24, 2005, Verizon Massachusetts (“Verizon MA”) filed a Motion for Partial Clarification and/or Reconsideration of the Department’s Arbitration Order (“Order”) issued in this matter on July 14, 2005. One of the findings on which Verizon MA sought clarification was an ambiguity in the Order regarding the provision of unbundled local switching for the embedded base of UNE-P arrangements from packet switches until the end of the FCC’s transition period (*i.e.*, March 10, 2006) adopted in the *Triennial Review Order on Remand*. See Verizon MA Motion at 3-7. I am writing to inform the Department that Verizon MA is no longer seeking clarification of that ruling because the issue is moot.

When Verizon MA filed the motion, it anticipated replacing a circuit switch in Lowell with a packet switch in December 2005, to be followed by a circuit switch replacement in Westford in early 2006. Recently, however, we rescheduled these circuit switch replacements until after March 10, 2006. Accordingly, the embedded base of UNE local switching will continue to be provided in Massachusetts on circuit switches throughout the FCC’s transition period. There will, therefore, be no impact on Verizon MA or on CLECs associated with the Department’s ruling relating to the issue raised in Verizon MA’s motion.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bruce P. Beausejour".

Bruce P. Beausejour

cc: Service List